

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **January 6, 2025**. Present at roll call were Trustees Amanda VanArsdale, Paige Torrance, Mike Swisher, and Nathan Harden. Trustees Michael Bohnenkamp and Janice Smith were absent. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. The employees present were Brittany Smith and Arbry Vancil. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was absent. The guest present were Shirley Linder, Randy Jarvis, and Donna Powless.

Mayor Schaley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Amanda made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the December Board Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Paige. It passed unanimously. Mike S. made a motion to approve payment of the bills, Nathan 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Financial statements were presented for December. Nathan made a motion to approve the financials, Amanda 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Guests: Dave Knutstrom has concerns of people parking in the grass on his property, Police Chief Vancil advised him that is village property and can be parked on up to the sidewalk.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie stated that he is still working with Benton and Associates on the water source project. When the warmer weather comes he wants to replace some water meters to buildings that are inside them and dig a pit outside so they can be in the ground and not freeze during the winter months. Water levels are staying around 69,000 gallons a day.

Police Report: Arb read report.

Zoning Report: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Facility Plan was tabled, as Doug was not able to attend.

New Business: The board was presented with the 2025 MFT estimate for the year, Mike Swisher made a motion to approve the estimate, and Nathan 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Donna Powless was in attendance to ask the board for a donation to help replace the roof on the Senior Citizen's building. She stated a rubber roof would be

anywhere from \$21,000 to \$36,000. The board decided they would like to discuss the topic further and would vote on it and the amount, if any, at the February meeting. Amanda also advised her to submit the damages to their insurance company first to see if they could get any help from them as well. The annual Christmas light winners were 1st-Morgan Lewis, 2nd-Barry Dowell, & 3rd-Jo Bailey, congratulations to all and great job making our village look great! Nathan presented to the board about updating the streetlights around the village as some are burnt out and not very bright, making it very dark in some areas. Mayor Schaley advised him he would make some phone calls and see what our options were.

Trustees Report: Nothing to report

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Nothing to report.

Executive Session: No executive session

Mike S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Nathan 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Smith Village Clerk/Treas.